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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION FROM BRAZIL TO SKYLAB

1. SCIOFF REQUESTS CONSIDERATION OF RADIO COMMUNICATION TO SKYLAB FROM SAO JOSE DOS CAMPOS, BRAZIL VIA ATS-3 SATALLITE AND APPROPRIATE NASA TRACKING STATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERNATIONAL AEROSPACE SHOW BRAZIL SEPTEMBER 14-23, 1973.

2. CONVERSATION WOULD BE BETWEEN DR. FERNANDO DE MENDONCA, DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE OF SPACE RESEARCH BRAZIL (A FLUENT ENGLISH SPEAKER) AND ONE OF ASTRONAUTS. SUGGEST THAT IT TAKE PLACE DURING ONE OF SKYLAB'S ORBITS PASSING OVER BRAZIL. AUDIENCE AT SITE TO BE INVITED WOULD BE HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS FROM BRAZILIAN MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, AIR FORCE AND AEROSPACE PROGRAM.

3. PURPOSE OF COMMUNICATION WOULD BE TO PUBLICIZE AEROSPACE SHOW THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA, PROVIDE DRAMATIC EXAMPLE OF AMERICAN TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENT, AND IMPRESS GOB ON FEASIBILITY OF COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE, WHICH IT IS NOW CONSIDERING
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4. COMMUNICATION WOULD BE OF SHORT DURATION. DIALOGUE WOULD CONSIST OF SALUTE TO INTERNATIONAL AEROSPACE SHOW FROM SKYLAB, ANY OBSERVATIONS ON BRAZILIAN TOPOGRAPHY AS SKYLAB PASSES OVER TERRAIN, POSSIBLE STATEMENTS ON USEFULNESS OF SATELLITES FOR SURVEY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, WEATHER FORECASTS, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. 1973 ALSO IS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH OF SANTOS DUMONT, BRAZILIAN AVIATION PIONEER.

5. IT IS OUR ESTIMATE THAT BRAZILIAN ATS FACILITY WILL PERMIT SUCCESSFUL AND HIGH QUALITY COMMUNICATION. TIME AND TECHNICAL DETAILS CAN BE WORKED OUT IF GENERAL OUTLINES OF PROJECT ARE APPROVED.
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